

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 14, 15 and 19.

Amend claims 13 and 17, as follows. [Format corresponding to 37 CFR §1.121(c)(i),
ie. "without markings".]

E 3/15 13(Thrice Amended). A method for controlling house dust mites and bedmites,
comprising the step of:

- (i) incorporating into a manmade fibre during the course of its manufacture a
chemical compound which has anti-fungal activity against fungi of at
least one of the groups *aspergillus glaucus* and *aspergillus restrictus*;
and
- (ii) subsequently using said manmade fibre containing said incorporated
chemical compound to manufacture a product in which at least one of
house dust mites and bed mites typically proliferate selected from
bedding, upholstered articles and floor coverings, whereby, in use, said
product has antifungal activity against fungi of at least one of the
groups *aspergillus glaucus* and *aspergillus restrictus*.

E 2 17(Twice Amended). A method according to claim 13, wherein said fibre is used in
the manufacture of a textile article.

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Add new claims 20-30, as follows.

20(New). A method according to claim 16, wherein said acrylic fibre is a wet spun acrylic fibre.

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21(New). A method for manufacturing an article that is resistant to the proliferation of house dust mites and bedmites therein, comprising the step of:

incorporating a fungicidal compound into a fissured structure of a manmade fibre, said compound having anti-fungal activity against fungi of at least one of the groups *aspergillus glaucus* and *aspergillus restrictus*, said compound being incorporated into said manmade fibre during manufacture of said manmade fibre, and

subsequently using said fibre containing said incorporated compound to manufacture an article selected from bedding, upholstered articles and floor coverings, said fissured structure of said manmade fibre permitting diffusion of said compound to a surface of said manmade fibre upon depletion of said compound therefrom to provide said article with a long-lasting antifungal effect that endures through launderings,

whereby, in use, said article has antifungal activity against fungi of at least one of the groups *aspergillus glaucus* and *aspergillus restrictus* and is thereby resistant to the proliferation of house dust mites and bedmites.

22(New). A method according to claim 21, wherein said fibre is a synthetic fibre.

23(New). A method according to claim 22, wherein said synthetic fiber is an acrylic fibre.

24(New). A method according to claim 23, wherein said acrylic fiber is a wet spun acrylic fibre.

25(New). A method according to claim 21, wherein said article is an article of bedding.

26(New). A method according to claim 21, wherein said article is an upholstered article.

27(New). A method according to claim 21, wherein said fibres are used as a filling material for the article.

28(New). A method according to claim 21, wherein said article is a floor covering.

29(New). A method according to claim 21, wherein said compound is selected from a group consisting of tolnaftate, bifonazole, clotrimazole, miconazole, dichlorophene, hexachlorophene and triclosan.

30(New). A method according to claim 29, wherein an amount of said compound incorporated into said fibre is within the range of 0.01 to 2 percent by weight of the fibre.

**Version of Amended Claims
with Markings to Show Changes Made
Corresponding to 37 CFR §1.121(c)(ii)**

13(Thrice Amended). A method for controlling house dust mites and bedmites, comprising the step of:

- (i) incorporating into a [polymeric article] manmade fibre during the course of its manufacture a chemical compound which has anti-fungal activity against fungi of at least one of the groups aspergillus glaucus and aspergillus restrictus; and
- (ii) subsequently using said [polymeric article] manmade fibre containing said incorporated chemical compound to manufacture a product in which at least one of house dust mites and bed mites typically proliferate selected from bedding, upholstered articles and floor coverings, whereby, in use, said product has antifungal activity against fungi of at least one of the groups aspergillus glaucus and aspergillus restrictus.

17(Twice Amended). A method according to claim [14] 13, wherein said fibre is used in the manufacture of a textile article.